

**GEOGRAPHY 397.02**

**Former Soviet Union**

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**Official Course Description:**

A regional survey of physical, cultural and economic geography of the states of the former Soviet Union. Specific sections of the course will include: a review of the physical environment; cultural and linguistic spatial patterns; historical evolution of the region; population distribution and demographics; settlement patterns; economic geography; socio-economic regions of Russia; a survey of the non-Russian successor states to the former USSR.

**Prerequisite:**

An introductory human geography (203 or equivalent), or Geog 213, or consent of the department.

**Text(s)/Readings:** TBA

**Grading (Weighting):**

Mid term exam # 1	.....	30%
Mid-term exam # 2	.....	30%
Final exam (scheduled by the Registrar)	.....	40%

- The exams are not cumulative
- It is not necessary to pass all components to pass the course as a whole.

**Grading System:**

96-100	A+	77-80	B	59-61	C-
90-95	A	71-76	B-	55-58	D+
86-89	A-	65-70	C+	50-54	D
81-85	B+	62-64	C	0-49	F

**For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:**  
<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

### **Plagiarism**

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

### **Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments**

- Assignments will be handed back only in class or by the Professor at pre-arranged time(s).
- To receive your assignment back via mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when handing in to the professor.
- Posting of grades will be at the discretion of each Professor and, if posted, they will be scrambled. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

### **Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation**

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: [suvpaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suvpaca@ucalgary.ca)
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